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Paul Nitze ~~etc~~ called me yesterday to say that following their trip to Paris, Secretary of Defense McNamara, General Lemnitzer, and himself were coming to London Monday to meet Minister of Defence Watkinson. I take it this has to do with the military dispositions ~~etc~~. President Kennedy is to outline next Tuesday.

Gertrude Harrison has been on a trip around the world. In the course of it, she badly injured one leg and was taken off the plane the other day at London Airport, and sent to the Ritz Hotel. She also contracted some internal disorder in India, and seems to be quite ill.

The Arthur Jaretakis have come to stay with us for a few days.

July 23, 1961 - Sunday

A beautiful day, but I enjoyed ~~now~~ little of ~~it~~ outside. Spent most of the time reading telegrams, then we lunched with the children, and at night dined with the Jaretakis.

July 24, 1961 - Monday

Edwin Land came to see me this morning. We had a long discussion about various intelligence matters. He is a valuable, indeed indispensable, member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Board. Land is an interesting man, with a wide range of knowledge in many fields. His name is usually associated with the Polaroid camera, but his other inventions have been numerous. He is one of the few inventors and scholars who has made an enormous amount of money. His holdings in Polaroid alone are supposed to amount to more than 100 million dollars.

Messrs. Price and Kennerly came to Ascot before commencing their inspection of our O-100.

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We had a lunch today for

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lumley  
Brig. and Mrs. D. B. Lang  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jaretzki

Tom Lumley [REDACTED] kindly took a brief look at my silver after lunch. Some of it was bought from him many years ago. I am now anxious to dispose of what I do not immediately need, and he will take charge of it. He is, I think, the greatest expert on English silver in London. [REDACTED] I went out to London Airport to meet Secretary of Defense McNamara this afternoon. Accompanied by General Lemnitzer and Paul Nitze, he [REDACTED] came here from Paris, where they [REDACTED] spent several days conferring with the NATO Ministerial staff. Minister of Defence Watkinson met him with me. We went directly to the Ministry of Defence, and remained there from 5:15 until 7:30. McNamara's statements were concise, specific and clear. He outlined what he thought President Kennedy would say in his speech tomorrow about increasing American military strength. He said the aim of our program was not to beef up our conventional forces simply to impress the Russians and to prepare for a Berlin crisis; it was rather to establish our strength in conventional arms on a long-range basis. To this end we hoped for a similar attitude on the part of the UK, French, and German Governments. There was a good deal of talk about Berlin; McNamara said he did not wish to speculate or comment on the political aspects of that question, since this would be done by the Foreign Ministers when they meet in Paris in early August.

We went to dinner at 1, Carlton Gardens, the attractive residence of the Foreign Secretary. Home had another engagement and was not present. The guests were Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Sir Solly Zuckerman, Field Marshal Sir Francis Festing, Sir Evelyn Shrubborough, Mr. F. W. Mottershead, Mr. Paul Nitze, and General Lemnitzer.